guages processing activities are conducted with excellence and without loss of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Electronics under its programme on Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) has initiated a scheme for preparation of curriculam guidelines and course material for introduction of Sanskrit Vyakaran, Nyaya, Mimmamsa and Nirikuta to linguistics and computer scientists. Participating agencies are as under:—

1. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi.
2. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati.
3. Gurukul Kangdi University Haridwar.

1691. [*Transferred to the 31st July, 1991*]

Age limit of children in creche, Peshwa Road

1692. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Creche which was opened by the Grih Kalyan Kendra on Peshwa Road, New Delhi for the children in the age group of three months to twelve years, was later on converted for the age group upto seven years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government received any representations from the parents against reduction of the maximum age limit from twelve years to seven years;

(d) whether Government would reconsider to extend the maximum age limit from seven years to twelve years to provide relief to the employed parents whose children are kept in the creche; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (e) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

The Creche at Peshwa Road, New Delhi run by the Grih Kalyan Kendra, like other creches in various Central Government colonies/office premises and in Community Centres, was primarily opened for children in the age of group of 90 days to 7 years. Only as a temporary measure, children beyond 7 years of age were permitted to continue. However, in view of the fact that the demand for admission of children of the specified age group had greatly increased and there was a shortage of accommodation, the Kendra intimated sufficiently in advance all parents of children above the age of 7 years to make alternative arrangements for their wards. In response to this order the Government had received several representations including an application bearing No. OA/807/91 in the Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi against enforcement of the order. The Hon'ble Tribunal in its judgement however upheld the order of the Kendra and observed that if the demand of the applicants were to be accepted which may not be physically possible for want of space and funds, it will be at the cost of a facility meant for infants and would frustrate the aims and objects of Grih Kalyan Kendra. As such it would not be possible for Government to reconsider the decision and extend the age limit to twelve years.

Involvement of Sanskrit in computer processing

1693. SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sanskrit is a rule-governed language for computer processing, and it gives clues for efficient Symbolic processing; if so, what had been immediate studies and approach papers for planned efforts during seventh and eighth plan period in this regard;

(b) what are details of the plans in terms of identification of Sanskrit Institutions, facilities, projects and budget for this activity during eighth plan; and

(c) how does funding compare with the projects being conducted abroad in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There were no formal and systematic studies for the development, understanding and processing of Indian languages during the Seventh Plan period though there were some efforts in this direction. However, in order to conduct language processing activities with excellence and competence, the Department of Electronics (DOE) is bringing together the language institutions and organisations with expertise in computers through the Technological Development of Indian Languages (TDIL) programme during the Eighth Plan period. An exploratory project at Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune, an autonomous society under the Department of Electronics, in the area of Sanskrit processing and specifically for computational rendering of Paninian grammar has been initiated.

In addition, five more institutions have so far been identified for projects related to information processing in Sanskrit. These are:

(i) Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi.

(ii) Academy of Sanskrit Research, Melkote.

(iii) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi.

(iv) Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati.

(v) Gurukul Kangdi University, Haridwar.

A total budget of Rs. 17 crores has been projected for the entire TDIL programme.

(c) Several indological departments in universities, research institutions and organisations abroad are working in this area. The overall extent of funding to such projects is not known and therefore, any comparison with funding abroad is not possible.

Officers while in service accepting jobs with international agencies

1694. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on Government officials from accepting consultancy or employment while in service with the international agencies like U. N. and UNICFF, with when they have had official dealings;

(b) names of officers who have obtained employment consultancy with such international agencies like UNICFF while still in service;

(c) whether any Secretary to the Government of India sought or obtained such employment/consultancy with UNICFF recently;

(d) does such soliciting of jobs violate the dignity of our country; and

(e) steps being taken to stop such employment etc. sought with international agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Government officers who are directly dealing with an international organisation in a coordinating or nodal capacity are not allowed to take up assignments in the Secretariat of the concerned organisation for a period of two years after they have relinguished charge of their posts. In very exceptional cases, a departure may be made from this policy with the approval of the Prime Minister.

(b) Such information is not centrally available.